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Charlie Brown Around Town: A Familiar Ring

It's a familiar sight: statues Downtown, in Highland and Highview, on the East Side and the West Side, in St. Anthony Park and Mounds Park. Once again five-foot statues of PEANUTS characters will line the sidewalks and boulevards of Saint Paul in loving tribute to one of its favorite sons, Charles Schulz.

An even more familiar site is the happy look on the faces of kids as they rush to hug, poke, and gaze wide-eyed at one of their heroes from the newspaper, movies, TV, and souvenir shops.

Even before the first polyurethane statue was painted, a flock of youngsters at the Tuesday, April 3rd, unveiling was excited as can be about the bare-bones Charlie Brown. An undetermined number of the statues will be decorated and displayed 'around town,' just as Snoopy was last year for the City's wildly successful PEANUTS on Parade.

Mayor Coleman and representatives of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Capital City Partnership, and the City of Saint Paul showed the first Charlie Brown statue to the media and a crowd of delighted onlookers at a Harriet Island ceremony. The same three agencies and TivoliToo, Inc., the designer and fabricator, worked together on 2000's city-wide display of Snoopys.

This time, the City and its part-



Kids can't keep away from this bare-bones Charlie Brown at his April 3rd unveiling.

ners have a great head start on all the events and a year's experience under their belts. So you can expect even more opportunities to see the lovable statues.

The summer-long display will follow approximately the same timeline the Snoopys did. The statues will be on display all over the city from June 3rd through the beginning of September. They'll all be together Downtown for a week before a live auction at the Mall of America on September 30th.

PEANUTS fans will have even more to look forward to as the year closes. In December, the finale of the two-year Charles Schulz tribute will



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be the unveiling of the permanent sculpture of the PEANUTS gang. Proceeds from "PEANUTS on Parade" and "Charlie Brown Around Town" are paying for the sculpture, which is sure to be a big Saint Paul attraction for years to come.

For more information on "Charlie Brown Around Town" activities, see ilovesaintpaul.com. You can also call the Citizen Service Office at 651-266-8989 for details.

As in 2000, the City's Office of Marketing and Promotions is leading the City's participation in the project. Marketing officials said there are absolutely no plans for a "Lucy on the Loose" tribute in 2002.



A design proposed for this summer's Charlie Brown Around Town exhibit.

Film Festival screenings at Galtier Plaza Cinema

The University of Minnesota Film Society hosts an international film festival annually, called the Mpls/St. Paul International Film Festival. But it's been a while since any screenings actually took place in the city of vision. This year, Galtier Plaza Cinema has graciously offered to temporarily open its doors for three April weekends of thoughtful, rare, and even poetic screenings of specially selected films.

"Strong attendance this year will lead to an expansion of Saint Paul screenings", says Al Milgrom, festival organizer.

FROM OPIUM TO CHRYSANTHEMUMS, is showing at Galtier on Sunday, April 8th, at 5:15.

Here's how the U Film Society describes the movie:

"Minnesota is home to the nation's largest population of Hmong immigrants, an integral and frequently misunderstood part of the community. FROM OPIUM TO CHRYSANTHEMUMS, a new study from prolific Swedish documentarians PeÅ Holmquist and Suzanne

Khardalian (BACK TO ARARAT, UNSAFE GROUND) explores the complex history of the Hmong in Asia and America (including portions of the film shot in the Twin Cities with several local residents interviewed).

"In 1969, at the height of the Vietnam war, the filmmakers shot a feature about the vast Hmong opium fields on the borders of Thailand, Laos, and Burma under the leadership of the charismatic Lao-Tong. Upon their return 30 years later, the poppies were gone, replaced by acres of chrysanthemums. Lao-Tong and the Hmong were also changed, moving away from opium and migrating overseas in droves. FROM OPIUM TO CHRYSANTHEMUMS is a stirring portrait of a people displaced by the ravages of war and the winds of change."

Also screening in Saint Paul will be Minnesota-made HERMAN USA, A WINTER IN THE BACK OF BEYOND (Hungary), and more. For information please see the City of Saint Paul's Film and New Media web page at www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/film.



WICM/Martha's Closet clothing drive set for May 2nd

For several years, Women in City Management (WICM) has held highly successful women's work clothing drives on behalf of Martha's Closet, a program sponsored by Central Presbyterian Church.

Martha's Closet assists women who are moving off welfare into the workplace, by providing them with interview and work clothes, among other services. On behalf of WICM and Martha's Closet, thanks to all of you who have contributed in the past and helped to make this effort so worthwhile.

Building on the success of previous years, WICM will collect clothing and cash for this year's spring and summer needs on Wednesday, May 2.

Donated clothing should be suitable for work (please, no jeans or cocktail dresses) and in season.

Shoes and accessories (jewelry, scarves, unopened make-up and so on) are always needed. Larger sizes are in greatest demand, but all sizes are welcome. Clothes should be clean and delivered on hangers. (In season and delivered on hangers are very important because Martha's Closet's storage space is very limited, and cannot handle out of season or folded items.)

Martha's Closet would also really appreciate cash donations to help buy underwear, accessories and other items not donated but needed to complete a wardrobe. Another opportunity to help support Martha's



Closet and women moving off welfare into the workplace is to attend their fund-raising luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Friday, April 27, 11:30 to 12:30, at the Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar Street (near the old Science Museum). Reservations for the \$10 luncheon (at 224-7428, extension 112) are due by April 23.

For the clothing drive, donations and cash may be dropped off at 150

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Cityfit Survey points to three get-fit programs — Cityfit drawing winners announced

The Cityfit committee thanks all City employees who completed an interest survey! Your input will be used to determine health promotion programming for the remainder of the year.

The results have been tallied, and the top three interests are weight loss, low-fat eating, and stress management. Based on these results, the Cityfit committee discussed implementing "Balanced Ways," a twelve-week weight management class, "5-A-Day," a nutrition education program centered around consuming more fruits and vegetables, and "The Real Fountain of Youth" which helps participants identify the benefits of making healthy lifestyle choices.

The HealthPartners Partners for Better Health Phone Line was also selected as a good choice for promotion because it offers information, counseling, and classes on a variety of health topics. Watch for more information about these programs in the near future.



The Cityfit committee also conducted a random drawing of the returned surveys for fifteen \$10.00 gift certificates, and ten \$20.00 gift certificates to local restaurants in the HealthPartners Healthy Eating Restaurant Network.

The lucky winners are: John Fontaine, Patty Krezowski, Bernie Arends, Kim Tyler, Karen Clark, MaryAnn Sachs, Terry D. Iverson, Eric Thompson, Sandra Bodensteiner, Karen Terry, Maria Dewolf, Connie Sandberg, Robert J. Bejblik, Bernie Bullert, Pete McCall, Bob Connor, Sandy Bannie, Yancey Stam, Tom Miller, Paula Seeley, Fong Lor, Janet Sorenson, Lennea Lopez, Jerry Hendrickson, and Phillip Owens.

Don't forget that all registration forms for 10,000 Steps must be sent to Anne Nelson by Monday, April 9th. If you have questions or comments about any of the Cityfit programming, call please Anne at 651-266-8899 or send an e-mail to Cityfit@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

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City Hall Annex (the Housing Information Office conference room) on May 2 at the following times: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

They may also be taken directly to Central Presbyterian Church at 500 Cedar Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. that day. Receipts for the donated clothing will be given at both locations; checks should be payable to "Central Presbyterian Church/Martha's Closet."

As previous participants will tell you, this is a great opportunity to do that pre-season closet cleaning, and give your clothes a few more years of useful life in another closet. Questions? Call Lisa Falk at 651-266-6117.

Habitat for Humanity 2000 Summer Blitz

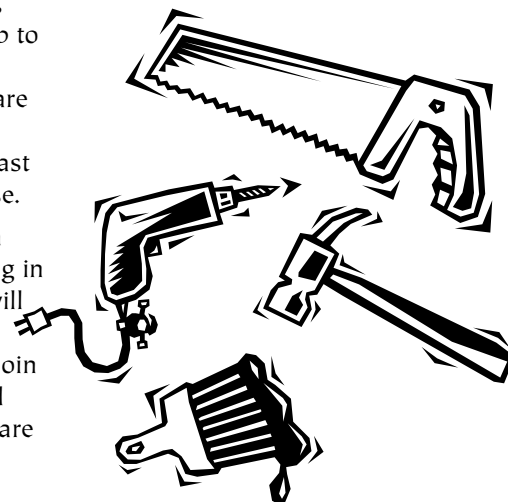
If you're looking for a place to make a difference in the community, look no further than Habitat for Humanity. After all, they're looking for you.

In May and June the St. Paul Companies, the City of Saint Paul, and Lawson Software will team up to construct a Habitat for Humanity house, and dozens of volunteers are needed for the effort. This year's location is 729 Edgerton on the East Side, not far from last year's house.

When the house is finished, a mother with nine children (ranging in age from 18 years to 9 months) will move in. The family came to this country from Somalia in 1999 to join other relatives. The mother would like volunteers to know that they are

a big, loving family. Someday she hopes to own her own business.

For information and to volunteer, please see the City's web site at www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/habitat.



Business Academy Open House adds three events

In the last City Update you heard about an Open House at Minnesota Business Academy on Tuesday, April 10, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. It's a chance to acquaint prospective high school students and their families with one of the Twin Cities newest public high schools in downtown St. Paul. Enrollment is now open for the 2001-2002 school year.

Three special events have been added:

Minnesota Business Venture:

Camp representatives will be on hand to introduce Minnesota Business Venture — a one-week summer business camp at St. John's University in Collegeville and St. Scholastica's in Duluth. Scholarships are available. It's a real Biz Blast — and students can enroll for this summer camp right at the Open House.

Young Inventors: At 6:30 p.m., see the inventions of the Young Inven-

tors. These talented metro youth will display their gadgets and gizmos and wow you with their bright ideas.

The Minnesota Entrepreneurs: At 7 p.m., immediately following the Open House, meet members of The Minnesota Entrepreneurs, an organization dedicated to educate, inspire and serve as a resource to entrepreneurs. Hear Special Guest Speaker Paul Duncan on the state of entrepreneurship in Minnesota. Duncan has 25 years of experience as a reporter and editor, including London's Financial Times, Beijing's China Daily, and Corporate Report-owned Ventures magazine. Open House guests are invited free of charge to participate in this program.

These special events reflect the kinds of real-life opportunities available to Minnesota Business Academy students and the connections they'll make in the world of work.

Take Our Daughters to Work Day is April 26th

Thursday, April 26th, is Take Our Daughters to Work Day. On this day, girls and young women visit the workplaces of parents and other adults to learn more about jobs, careers, and other life options. Although the event was originally started to give girls an introduction to the workplace, boys have recently begun participating, too.

The event starts in the City Council Chambers, at 8:30 a.m. Bagels, juice, and coffee will be served outside the City Council Chambers. Mayor Coleman will begin this event, followed by a few speakers from the City workforce. If you plan on attending this kick-off, please reply to Sara Wicklund (651-266-8989) by April 9th, stating how many young people you plan on bringing. This event is geared toward young people in grades 3-12. Please confer with your supervisor or manager about having your young person spend time in your work.

City job openings as of April 6th, 2001

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
04/17/01	Accounting Clerk I	\$936.88	04/24/01
Open	Architect I - BOE	\$1543.14	See Job Ann
Open	Architect II - BOE	\$1736.21	See Job Ann
04/17/01	Bridge Maintenance Worker	\$18.40 per hr	04/25/01
Open	Clerical Assistant BOE (part-time)	\$9.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Clerk-Typist II (full & part-time)	\$914.25	See Job Ann
Open	Conservatory Attendant (permanent/part-time)	\$9.17 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Emergency Communications Ctr Telecommunicator	\$1375.98	See Job Ann
04/19/01	Fire Prevention Inspector II	\$1591.21	04/26/01
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$9.01 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$8.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Golf Ranger (seasonal/part-time)	\$6.32 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1201.32	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1397.98	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1550.12	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist I	\$1085.87	See Job Ann
Open	Life Guard (temp/summer employment)	\$7.75 per hr	See Job Ann
04/18/01	Mechanical Inspector	\$28.90 per hr	04/23/01
Open	Park Aide (temp/part-time)	\$7.86 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Parking Enforcement Officer	\$896.80	See Job Ann
Open	Parks & Recreation Assistant (seasonal/part-time)	\$5.50 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Recreation Leader (permanent/part-time)	\$8.81 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Refectory Attendant (seasonal/part-time)	\$9.17 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Senior Pool Attendant (seasonal/part-time)	\$9.25 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Swimming Pool Supervisor (seasonal/part-time)	\$10.75 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instruct (temp/summer employment)	\$8.25 per hr	See Job Ann

** This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after March 29th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.